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Dear Friends:

As you know, several options are currently being considered to address the low groundwater supply in the Barona community. Please allow me to suggest that both the members of the Old Barona Road Association and Barona Band of Mission Indians work with one another to implement a common solution that has been endorsed by all interested parties. This needs to be a "neighborhood solution" and not from Washington, D.C. or from Sacramento; the solution will come from within the community.

I propose that if a decision cannot be reached independently, the services of a mutually agreed upon professional mediator, or other trusted individual, be utilized to reach a compromise. For your convenience, I am enclosing a list of local mediators who may be available.

Once a proposed resolution that satisfies all parties is mutually agreed upon, I will endeavor to work with fellow legislators on Federal and State levels to pursue viable legislative options to facilitate the desired solution and recommendations presented by the entire community. Additionally, as a fellow neighbor in this community, I will personally donate and help install the first fifty feet of infrastructure piping to transport water from the San Vicente Reservoir to the community.

I believe we can make this project an example of East County neighbors working together for the greater good of the community. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

Enclosure

Cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein; San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob; San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders